

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Remarks concerning amendments to claims

Claims 1-3, 5-12, 21-24 remain in this application. Claims 1, 10, and 21 have been amended.

Response to rejections

In the most recent Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and claims 1-3, 5-12, 21-24 were rejected under 35 USC 101. Applicant responds by amending the independent claims to fully address all the rejections and issues raised by the examiner.

Regarding the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, Applicant overcomes this rejection by deleting the language in question from the claim. The deleted language does not raise new prior art issues because no such rejections were outstanding when the deleted language was originally added to the claims by Applicant's immediately prior amendment of 4/25/07.

Regarding the rejection of claims 1-3, 5-12, 21-24 under 35 USC 101, following the Examiner's suggestion (in Action of 1/25/07), Applicant overcomes this rejection by amending independent claims 1, 10, and 21 to include "graphic and haptic rendering" so as to provide a tangible result. Consequently, the claims are now clearly directed to statutory subject matter.

Because these brief claim amendments fully address all outstanding rejections and raise no new issues requiring further examination, Applicant kindly requests that the Examiner enter this amendment and allow the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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